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CASE SHEET

Washington D.C. - 27 July 1977

Country where the human rights violation occurred - Argentina

Name of the Victim - Jorge Alberto Talana

Nationality - Argentine - age - 65 - occupation - surgeon

additional identification

Date of the violation - 5 April 1976 - Place of the violation - Buenos Aires

Description of the violation - He was detained by the police and then taken to a ship under the custody of the Argentine Navy. He was then transferred to the Armed Forces Prison in Magdalena in Buenos Aires. Until now there have been no formal charges made against him, so no legal action has been possible.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full

☐ Classify as ☐ Extend as ☐ Downgrade to

Date ☐ Declassify on ☐ Reason

Legal actions undertaken in regard to this case

Response received - curriculum vitae

Documents enclosed (if any)

The present situation within the country where the victim's human rights were violated is such, that it is impossible to seek legal recourse within that country. It is necessary therefore to have recourse to international agencies with jurisdiction on human rights.

WOLA has received direct information regarding this case from relatives of the victim and from eye witnesses. None of these sources can be mentioned by name because of the serious risks to them from the local authorities. For our part, however, there is no problem being identified as the source of information if you should determine that this would in no way harm the situation for the victim.

Sincerely,

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DR. JORGE ALBERTO TAIANA

- Qualified physician at the Faculty of Medicine of the National University of Buenos Aires. He has an honorary diploma.
- 1938. A fellowship to Europe to study thoracic surgery. He studied in London Dr. Price Thomas, in Sweden with Dr. Crawford, and in Germany with Dr. Sauerbruch.
- 1942. A fellowship in Boston at Harvard University. He specialized in thoracic surgery with Dr. Churchill.
- 1946. Director of the "Institute of Thoracic Surgery of Buenos Aires."
- 1948. Professor at the University of Buenos Aires.
- 1952. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
- 1953. Rector of the University of Buenos Aires.
- 1973. Minister of Education and Culture.
- Member of the Academy of Surgery in Rome, Madrid, Lyon and Mexico.
- General Secretary of the International College of Surgeons of South America.
- Vice-President of the International College of Surgeons.
- Member of the American College of Surgeons.
- Member of the Pan Pacific Surgical Association.
- He has participated in International Congresses all over the world.
- He has been invited by the International College of Surgeons to address surgeons from major capitals.
- President of the Association for the Promotion of Oriental Studies.
- Part of his medical research has included linking ancient medicine in Egypt with the pre-Colombian civilization.

Decorations include:

- 1952: Alfonso el Sabio of Spain
- 1953: Legion d'honneur of France
- 1957: Cruz of Balboa of Panama
- 1974: Eagle of Mexico

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